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DOCJT COMMISSIONER PRESENTS AWARD TO JESSAMINE COUNTY SHERIFF

JEFFERSONTOWN, KY – Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Deputy Secretary Cleve Gambill presented two law enforcement leaders with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement.

Maysville Chief Van Ingram and Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain received the honor at the opening ceremony of the Kentucky Chiefs of Police Association's annual conference today.

The award, which is administered by DOCJT, honors an individual who significantly advances Kentucky law enforcement in the areas of Peace Officer Professional Standards, law enforcement training, or professional development, or exhibits exemplary leadership that has resulted in the advancement of law enforcement in the state or nominee's community.

Gambill made the presentation on behalf of Governor Ernie Fletcher and Lt. Governor Stephen Pence. He praised both men for the instrumental roles they have played in improving law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

"It is not unusual to find people dedicated to their jobs, but it is highly unusual to find people who are so dedicated to improving their profession as a whole," Gambill said. "These men see law enforcement as a statewide issue, and because of their ability to look beyond their own jurisdictions law enforcement in this state has made tremendous strides. These men deserve our thanks for helping keep not only Maysville and Daviess County safe, but all of Kentucky as well."

Chief Ingram began his law enforcement career in Maysville at age 19 as a dispatcher. At age 21 he became an officer with the agency and steadily moved up the ranks until being appointed chief in 1999. The Maysville Police Department has thrived under his leadership. In 2001 the agency was accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Ingram's contributions to law enforcement have been felt beyond Maysville. He is a Kentucky Law Enforcement Council certified instructor, serves on the Criminal Justice Executive Development program selection board and the DOCJT Professional Certificates Board and was a member of the governor's statewide Drug Summit. He is also the outgoing



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president of the KACP. Chief Ingram has also been very active in his community, serving on several association boards that focus on the needs of young people.

Sheriff Keith Cain started a career with the Daviess County Sheriff's Office in 1974, after serving with a Marine combat unit in Vietnam. Within a year he was transferred to the Criminal Investigations. Cain has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in education. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the National Sheriffs' Institute in Colorado. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Owensboro Community College. He is a KLEC certified instructor and has taught many classes at DOCJT. He helped draft legislation to bolster Kentucky's methamphetamine laws. In association with the National Sheriffs' Association, he is teaching a meth course to law enforcement officers across the country. He was very active in the governor's Drug Summit this year.

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